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Date: 13 Jun 1994 22:22:02 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!news.Cerritos.edu!news.Arizona.EDU!nemo!

hlester@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: "73's"

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CrCqsE.7Fp@wang.com> dbushong@wang.com (Dave Bushong) writes:

>I don't believe it, but there have been many more than one 73 on the

Maybe 73 plus an "apostrophe s" (73's) means "Best Regards, y'all"

Howard

Date: 14 Jun 1994 03:52:06 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!uhog.mit.edu!

news.kei.com!ssd.intel.com!chnews!cmoore@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: "73's"

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Howard Lester (hlester@nemo.as.arizona.edu) wrote: : Maybe 73 plus an "apostrophe s" (73's) means "Best Regards, y'all" Howard

That is an absolutely stupendous idea, Howard... history in the making... Henceforth and forevermore, 73's will mean Best Regards, ya'll. (Ah'll furgiv ya'll fer missppelling ya'll 'cuz thum dam yankie techer's pubbraly dun't no hou tu spel wurth cagada.)

73's's's (Ah got ah rully baddd drawlll) KG7BK, CecilMoore@delphi.com

Date: 14 Jun 1994 00:36:47 -0400

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!psgrain!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!torn!uunet.ca!

uunet.ca!ionews.io.org!nobody@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: ATV transmitts on every UHF channel - why?

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I recently breadboarded a simple (no crystal) ATV transmitter, and being a novice experimenter, was amazed to see it actually transmitting my VCR / Camcorder signals to my portable tv !

The transmitter works with either an air coil of about .5" or .125" diameter (both 3 or 4 turns #22). It's a Colpitts oscillator.

I *thought* that the large coil would be have a resonant frequency of about 100 Mhz, and the smaller one would be about 470 Mhz.

I am wondering why my portable tv is receiving the transmitter on every UHF channel.

Would the transmitter be generating strong enough harmonics that the signal is being sent on every UHF channel?

Mike

Mike Stramba Email: mike@io.org

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Date: Tue, 14 Jun 1994 01:49:49 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!news.uh.edu!nuchat!acs@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Com'l License Exams & Adv. Cl. Lic.

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Does anyone know of a site where I can download the FCC question pool for the comercial license exams? I understand that about 80 percent of the quiz comes from the pool of the Advanced class study material. The pool changes next month and I would like to take the test over the old questions.

I know that W5YI sells the info for \$10 but, surely this public info is available from the Internet.

Thanks and 73 de A.C.

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Date: Mon, 13 Jun 94 21:35:26 MST

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!asuvax!ennews!stat!david@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: FAX # for Amateur Division, Kenwood Japan

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am trying to find some information on my Kenwood TS-50S, basically how to immitate the Function keys on the microphone. Kenwood USA has told me they don't have this information.

I would like to try and FAX Kenwood Japan ... does anyone have a FAX number for their amateur division?

Thank you,

David WB7TPY

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Editor, HICNet Medical Newsletter

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Date: Tue, 14 Jun 1994 01:26:23 GMT

From: yale.edu!newsserver.jvnc.net!stevens-tech.edu!vaxc.stevens-tech.edu!

rdemello@yale.arpa

Subject: Help on hard/software to download weather images

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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I am looking for some info on what software and hardware do I need to be able do download weather maps that show ocean water temps off the eastern coast of NJ. I have heard of SW that goes to a com port but have also heard recently that you can also imput through a SB16 card, and this actually gives a better image.

please I'm new to this and would appreciate any and all help.

I currently have have a 486 DX2 -66 with a 500meg drive, 14.4 fax modem, ink jet printer, SB16, double speed CDROM, SVGA monitor if that helps.

Thanks Ron

RDEMELLO@SITVAX,STEVENS-TECH.EDU

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Ultrix v4.2-1

MSDOS v6.0 Windows v3.1

Date: Mon, 13 Jun 1994 19:37:27 GMT

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admii!ovation!ramcad.pica.army.mil!mellis@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: How long do NJ ham plates take????

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Can a New Jersey amateur tell me how long it took them to get their call-sign plates from NJ Dept of Motor Vehicles? I've heard 12 weeks (as bad as the FCC :-]) and it's been about that, since mid-March.

Just wondering if/when I should call them up and let them give me a hard time.

Thanks,

...Mark n2wzb

Mark E. Ellis

<mellis@ramcad.pica.army.mil>

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Date: Mon, 13 Jun 1994 23:17:53 GMT

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Subject: IPS Daily Report - 13 June 94

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SUBJ: IPS DAILY SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL REPORT ISSUED AT 13/2330Z JUNE 1994 BY IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES FROM THE REGIONAL WARNING CENTRE (RWC), SYDNEY. SUMMARY FOR 13 JUNE AND FORECAST UP TO 16 JUNE

No warning is current.

1A. SOLAR SUMMARY Activity: very low

Flares: none.

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number: 085/027

1B. SOLAR FORECAST

14 June 15 June 16 June

Activity Very low Very low Very low Fadeouts None expected None expected None expected

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number: 085/027

1C. SOLAR COMMENT

None.

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2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY

Geomagnetic field at Learmonth: quiet to unsettled

Estimated Indices : A K Observed A Index 12 June

Learmonth -- 3333 23--

Fredericksburg 12 26 Planetary 12 21

Observed Kp for 12 June: 3445 3443

2B. MAGNETIC FORECAST

DATE Ap CONDITIONS

14 Jun 12 Ouiet to unsettled.

15 Jun 12 Unsettled.

16 Jun 16 Unsettled to active.

2C. MAGNETIC COMMENT

Active periods may be observed during June 16-17 due to dissappearing solar filament.

3A. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION SUMMARY

LATITUDE BAND

DATE	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
13 Jun	normal	normal-fair	fair

PCA Event : None.

3B. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION FORECAST

LATITUDE BAND

DATE	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
14 Jun	normal	normal	fair
15 Jun	normal	normal	fair
16 Jun	normal	fair	poor

3C. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION COMMENT

Degraded HF comms conditions may be experienced at mid, high lats on 16th.

4A. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC SUMMARY

MUFs at Sydney were near predicted monthly values

Observed T index for 13 June: 42

Predicted Monthly T Index for June is 30.

4B. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC FORECAST

DATE T-index MUFs

14 Jun 40 Near predicted monthly values.

15 Jun 40 Near predicted monthly values.

4C. AUSTRALIAN REGION COMMENT

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Spread F observed during local night. Strong sporadic E observed at times. Degraded HF comms possible on 16th.

Near predicted monthly values.

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16 Jun

IPS Regional Warning Centre, Sydney | IPS Radio and Space Services

email: rwc@ips.oz.au fax: +61 2 4148331 | PO Box 5606

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Recorded Message tel: +61 2 4148330 | AUSTRALIA

Date: 13 Jun 1994 22:01:44 GMT

From: koriel!newsworthy.West.Sun.COM!abyss.West.Sun.COM!spot!myers@ames.arpa

Subject: Microwave bands (was Re: End of `440 i

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article e4q@nyx10.cs.du.edu, jmaynard@nyx10.cs.du.edu (Jay Maynard) writes:

>In article <2ti78m\$q4l@abyss.west.sun.com>,

>Dana Myers <myers@bigboy.West.Sun.COM> wrote:

>>Not exactly. The microwave bands may be useful for point-point

>>linking, etc., but aren't commonly used, even by the business or

>>government agencies, for mobile communications as we know it.

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>Why not? I know some work in that area has been done by the North Texas >Microwave Society...

I guess that makes 5.8GHz mobile a viable replacement for 70cm.

>>Procuring parts and building working gear for microwave bands is >>considerably more difficult than building 80m transmitters out >>of junk televisions.

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>Building 80m transmitters was, once upon a time, difficult and expensive, too. >Hams changed that.

Agreed. I guess this makes 5.8GHz mobile a viable replacement for 70cm.

>> I agree amateurs should indeed get involved
>>on these bands, but these bands are not necessarily valid replacement
>>spectrum for the functions filled by 2m, 70cm, 33cm and 23cm.

>Why not? Those who claim that the purpose of ham radio is solely or primarily >technological advancement have a golden opportunity to prove that hams can >still contribute.

Well, either Jay just wants to carry in "splut-like" fashion :-), or he didn't read what I wrote.

I said "The microwave bands are not necessarily valid replacement spectrum for functions filled by 2m, 70cm, 33cm and 23cm". Jay counters with a little bit of Mom and Apple Pie. Let's be serious; the microwave bands are not yet valid replacement spectrum for the popular 2m and 70cm bands. Offering them as such ignores reality. Let's have a constructive discussion rather than Mom and Apple Pie, OK?

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\star Dana H. Myers KK6JQ, DoD\#: j | Views expressed here are
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* (310) 348-6043 | mine and do not necessarily *

* Dana.Myers@West.Sun.Com | reflect those of my employer

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 \star This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests \star

Date: 14 Jun 94 04:14:14 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!spool.mu.edu!mnemosyne.cs.du.edu!nyx10.cs.du.edu!not-

for-mail@ucbvax.berkeley.edu

Subject: Microwave bands (was Re: End of `440 i

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2til08\$ss4@abyss.west.sun.com>,
Dana Myers <myers@spot.West.Sun.COM> wrote:
>Well, either Jay just wants to carry in "splut-like" fashion :-), or he
>didn't read what I wrote.

I did too. Nyah. :-)

>I said "The microwave bands are not necessarily valid replacement spectrum >for functions filled by 2m, 70cm, 33cm and 23cm". Jay counters with a little

>bit of Mom and Apple Pie. Let's be serious; the microwave bands are not yet >valid replacement spectrum for the popular 2m and 70cm bands. Offering them >as such ignores reality. Let's have a constructive discussion rather than >Mom and Apple Pie, OK?

My point was that 80m was, at one time, not valid replacement spectrum for stuff below 200 meters, too. We've been handed lemons in the past and made lemonade out of them. What would you have said back when hams were given 200 meters and down because nobody else wanted it?

The microwave bands - or even 2400 MHz - are not "valid replacement spectrum" only because hams would rather bitch than switch, as Jim Reese puts it. To complain that you can't put up yet another yak box on 440, and so it's time to change the rules in midstream and destroy someone's thousands of dollars worth of repeater investment, is to capitulate rather than pioneer. Call it Mom and Apple Pie if you want to...but who's arguing about ham radio as a technical service now?

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Jay Maynard, EMT-P, K5ZC, PP-ASEL | Never ascribe to malice that which can jmaynard@admin5.hsc.uth.tmc.edu | adequately be explained by stupidity. To Sarah Brady, Howard Metzenbaum, Dianne Feinstein, and Charles Schumer: Thanks. Without you, I would be neither a gun owner nor an NRA life member.

Date: Mon, 13 Jun 1994 17:31:05

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!uhog.mit.edu!

news.kei.com!ssd.intel.com!chnews!ornews.intel.com!ccm.hf.intel.com!

brett_miller@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Nickel Hydride Cells

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Jun13.083636.5538@ee.surrey.ac.uk> M.Willis@ee.surrey.ac.uk (Mike Willis) writes:

>I have just bought 6 Nickel Hydryde AA cells for use with my Icom handheld. I >wonder if anyone has any experience with such cells they are able to share? The >cells are matked as 1.2V 1200mA hours. They weigh about the same as Nicads but

I had some 1000mAH Gold Peak cells I used in My Icom 2SRA for a few months about a two years ago. They discharged very quickly and soon seemed like they wouldn't hold a charge. I used the Icom 60-70mA charger and charged them for about 16 hours. I was very careful when I charged them, but it didn't seem to make a difference. I was told by someone that early NMH cells had a lot of problems (especially Gold Peak). I hope you have better results with yours. Most cellular phones now use NMH, so maybe things have improved.

Brett Miller N70LQ Intel Corp. American Fork, UT brett_miller@ccm.hf.intel.com

Date: 14 Jun 94 06:35:49 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!nic-nac.CSU.net!

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Subject: Test

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

saul yochelson (vfoao0ix@huey.csun.edu) wrote:

Test followup

Date: 13 Jun 1994 22:23:08 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!emory!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!news.cs.columbia.edu!

news.columbia.edu!namaste.cc.columbia.edu!mrw13@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: TH-78A Peculiarities <--Help Wanted

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I had the "beyonds MARS" (remove D3 and cut W1) done to my TH-78A and everything works pretty well except for a few peculiarities... When I set both sides (VFOs) to VHF the right one acts strangely. The rx is far more sensitive then the left side because the squelch will open often times on the right side and the meter will go up while I'm not receiving anything on the left side. But... even though the right side has better rx I cannot hear any of it because it comes out as barely understandable static. (When I am close enough I can get perfect rx on the left side.)

There is no difference around the 440MHz band. I haven't been able to check whther these "peculiarities" also occur around the 2m ham bands since I'm not close to any repeaters right now -- but it definitely holds true for the aircraft and commercial bands.

One other small thing. About half the time, the tx doesn't always open up immediately on the commercial band. The red light will flash on and the meter will jump up but then drop down after a split second. After fiddling (switching channels or turning the radio on-off) then it will tx properly. Never any problems tx on the ham bands.

Anybody else noticed the same peculiarities or have any advice for me?

Thanks very much,

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Date: Tue, 14 Jun 1994 00:37:40 GMT

From: rit!isc-newsserver!ultb!jdc3538@cs.rochester.edu

Subject: VHF Maritime Outrage!!

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Jun10.174900.11159@bnr.ca> af580@freenet.carleton.ca writes: >Sounds like the US is bringing their fees into alignment with the Canadian >fees.

>>
>FYI: fees for Canadian amateurs: (sorry, don't have the maritime fees handy)
> qualification exams (per exam): \$ 5.00
> annual station license
> (per callsign): \$24.00 (I think that's what it is)
>
>therefore for a 10 year license we pay \$240 + the cost of any exam/upgrades

>during that period.

None of this has much to do with ham radio; it's more a matter of money and control. The Peoples Republic of Kanada wants to increase

taxes on its already overburdened citizens just as much as Slick Willie Klinton and Company. Taxes and fees on boating are there to keep the cost of leisure time high. You can't have people enjoying themselves, now can you?

Ham radio is another good thing to tax. Again it's a leisure time activity. And worse, it gives people a means to communicate outside the approved media.

>On the other hand, once you have a qualification you have it for life, >and we do have vanity callsigns (now if only the ones we wanted were >not already taken).

On the other hand most citizens are like sheep. Baaaaa...

73...Jim N2VNO

Date: 14 Jun 1994 00:39:45 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!

news.ysu.edu!yfn.ysu.edu!ap451@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: WANTED: good 2meter mobile

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm looking for a 2 meter mobile unit in good shape for a reasonable price. Doesn't have to be the newest thing; please write with what you have. I just need something I can access a few local repeaters with.

Thanks and 73,

Randy

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Randy Padawer, P.O. Box 1167, Knoxville, TN 37901-1167 U.S.of A Internet: ap451@yfn.ysu.edu America Online: GwRepRandy Telephone: (615) 637-7263 Ham Radio op: WA4FJF & a groovy guy.

Date: Tue, 14 Jun 1994 05:51:26 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!news.ucdavis.edu!modem63.ucdavis.edu!

ddtodd@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Washington State Field Day??????

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello,

I posted a few days ago asking if there was anyone active who would be running Field Day in the Raymond, Aberdeen or Westport area of Washington State. I still haven't heard back and the local emergency coordinator would really like to see what WE do. She's going on vacation or I'd invite her to our FD. So, anyone in the south-west corner of the state please speak up.

Thanks, Dan

Date: 13 Jun 1994 20:06:33 -0700

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!news.cerf.net!ccnet.com!ccnet.com!not-for-

mail@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2td3t2\$6gd@ccnet.ccnet.com>, <Cr9Kyq.EwG@news.Hawaii.Edu>, <2ti78m\$q4l@abyss.West.Sun.COM> Subject : Re: Microwave bands (was Re: End of `440 in SoCal' thread)

- : Not exactly. The microwave bands may be useful for point-point : linking, etc., but aren't commonly used, even by the business or : government agencies, for mobile communications as we know it.
- How about the entire GPS system? How about the INMARSAT system? How

about the entire GPS system? How about the INMARSAT system? How about all the satellite links on shipboard? How about all that military stuff they don't want you to know about?

Some enterprising amateurs have indeed operated mobile above 1300MHz. I personally operated mobile-in-motion full-color ATV on 5.8 GHz. Remember, it wasn't too long ago that the common belief was that mobile operation above 500 MHz wasn't feasible. If that barrier hadn't been broken, there would be no cellular service! As an alternative (and less innovative), one could always take the point-to-point stuff out of the current mobile-friendly bands. This would make more room for the current mobile technology and put point-to-point stuff on frequencies which are more suited to it.

- : I agree amateurs should indeed get involved
- : on these bands, but these bands are not necessarily valid replacement
- : spectrum for the functions filled by 2m, 70cm, 33cm and 23cm.

You mean the _mobile_ functions, I hope. There are many functions that are perfectly suited for microwave. Two that come to mind are all packet backbones and links between repeaters. Large chunks of 2m and 70cm are tied up with this non-mobile activity. Just think if all BBS forwarding was done on other bands. The end users would have more access to their BBS because forwarding could be done "in the background". If all links were out of 420-440, and we could use it for non-auxiliary stuff, another 80 FM channels would be available for the traditional mobile user.

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